

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 16th December 2012

Silent Key

It is with the sincerest regret that we inform you of the death on Friday last of John Riordan EI6IJ. You will all recall that John very generously donated a car and some equipment to the Society a number of years ago when he could no longer drive. He also donated some valuable equipment to the Cork Radio Club where he got his first introduction to amateur radio. His funeral took place last week in Buncrana. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Echo Ireland

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the next issue of Echo Ireland will not be published until early January. Deadline for inclusion is January 3rd. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

IRTS 80m Counties Contest 2013.

The date for the 2013 IRTS Winter 80m Counties Contest is Tuesday 1st January.

Check the rules at: www.irts.ie/cgi/showrules.cgi?80m Please notice Rule 4.4 and 4.5 and keep the portion of the band between 3.650 and 3.700 clear for non-contesters.

Also notice the change in Rule 10.1 which states Entries must be received by the Contest Manager not more than 14 days after the contest.

Small Beacon

We have just received news that a small beacon transmitting on 3574.5khz using 0.3watts. You can QSL using eQSL or direct .You can see diagrams and pictures as follows bit.ly/UHKPoO

Coolmine Radio Rally

Coolmine rally will be held at the Coolmine Community School on Sunday 10th February 2013. Doors open at 8.30am for traders and for member of the public at 11.30am. Admission is €5.00. Usual traders will attend and there will be a bring and buy sale. Tea and refreshments available all day during the event. Unlimited free car parking available. To book a table for the rally please call the following: Tom, 01 8211043 or Tony, 087 2439997. Everyone welcome to this excellent annual event.

Opportunity for Young Ham Radio Operators

Amateur Radio Supplies in Haverhill, Massachusetts, USA have contacted us with news of a fantastic new program to support youth activity on the HF bands. They seek to help a few lucky young hams get on the HF bands and make some contacts! Do you know any deserving young hams? They will be giving away 3 complete HF stations per year in order to support activity on the ham bands. Full details can be found at the following link bit.ly/Pe9bWQ or by contacting Ger McNamara EI4GXB, IRTS Youth Coordinator.

Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio

The Hurdy Gurdy Museum now has a new website, following the following link bit.ly/QXkBTi

DX News

Heli DD0VR will be QRV from Vietnam from 12 December until 4 January. He will use the callsign XV0VR from various locations during his stay including trips to Cat Ba Island (AS-132) from 18 – 20 December and Phu Quoc Island (AS-128) from 30 December – 2 January. QSLs go via his home call.

Sigi DF9FN will operate as H40FN from Temotu from 22 December – 7 January. Operation will be mainly on CW with some SSB. QSL manager is HA8DD.

Werner DC8QT will spend Christmas on the island of Mahe in the Seychelles. While there he will operate holiday-style as S79QT running 100w to a dipole. Relevant dates are 19 December – 7 January. QSL to his home call.

Finally – an unusual station. According to one of the three Mayan calendars the end of the world will occur on 21 December. To celebrate this once in a lifetime event a station signing N0D (November Zero Delta) or Now Zero Days will be active from 20

– 22 December. Obviously they are somewhat doubtful of being able to operate on the 22nd !!!!!!! If the world survives QSLs will be available via KK5W. Have a look at the details on QRZ.COM

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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